SENATE BILL 3599

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9, relative to Tennessee HOPE scholarships for home school students.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-902, is amended by deleting the following language:

"Home school student" means a student who completed high school in a Tennessee home school program meeting the requirements of § 49-6-3050. For two (2) years immediately preceding completion of high school as a home school student, the student shall have been a student in a home school associated with a church-related school as defined by § 49-50-801 and registered with the Tennessee local school district that the student would otherwise attend as required by § 49-6-3050(a)(2)(C)(i) or an independent home school student whose parent or guardian has given notice to the local director of a Tennessee school district under § 49-6-3050(b)(1) of intent to conduct a home school;

And by substituting instead the following language:

"Home school student" means a student who completed high school in a Tennessee home school program meeting the requirements of § 49-6-3050. A home school student shall have been a student in a home school for at least one (1) year immediately preceding completion of high school;

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to students seeking postsecondary financial assistance from net lottery proceeds for the 2012-2013 academic year and academic years thereafter.